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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On June 24, 2013, the Chicago Blackhawks of the
3 National Hockey League's Western Conference, won the Stanley
4 Cup Championship by defeating the Boston Bruins to claim their
5 second title since 2010 and the team's fifth title overall; and

6 WHEREAS, The Blackhawks started the shortened season by
7 setting a new NHL record by earning a point in 24 consecutive
8 games to start the season, 21 of which were wins, giving them a
9 lead in the Western Conference that was never overtaken; and

10 WHEREAS, With a record of 36-7-5, the Blackhawks won the
11 President's Trophy for the second time in franchise history,
12 for the best regular season record in the league and earned
13 home-ice advantage throughout the playoffs; and

14 WHEREAS, The Blackhawks defeated the Minnesota Wild in 5
15 games in the first round of the playoffs; and

16 WHEREAS, In the second round of the playoffs, the
17 Blackhawks faced longtime rivals, the Detroit Redwings; they
18 trailed the Redwings 3 games to one before completing a
19 historic comeback with an overtime win in game 7 of the series;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, The Blackhawks completed their quest to reach the
2 Stanley Cup Finals by defeating the Los Angeles Kings in 5
3 games; in the finals, they faced the Boston Bruins for the
4 first "Original Six" match-up since 1979; and

5 WHEREAS, Game one of the Stanley Cup Finals was the fifth
6 longest in Finals history; in the third overtime period a goal
7 by Andrew Shaw gave the Blackhawks a 4-3 win to put them up 1-0
8 overall in the Finals; and

9 WHEREAS, The Blackhawks played a second consecutive
10 overtime game in game 2, losing to the Bruins by a 2-1 score;
11 they fell to the Bruins in game 3, 2-0; and

12 WHEREAS, Game 4 was dominated by offense; the Blackhawks
13 were forced into their third overtime game of the Finals; Brent
14 Seabrook scored on a slap-shot giving the Blackhawks a 6-5
15 victory and tying the series at 2-2 overall; and

16 WHEREAS, The Blackhawks dominated Game 5 by outskating,
17 outshooting, and outscoring the Bruins; the Blackhawks won 3-1
18 and took a 3-2 overall series lead and returned to Boston for
19 Game 6; and

20 WHEREAS, In an exciting Game 6, the Blackhawks trailed 1-0
21 after the first period; in the second period, Captain Jonathan

1 Toews tied the game; another goal was not scored until after
2 the 12 minute mark of the third period to give the Bruins a 2-1
3 lead; and

4 WHEREAS, With one minute and 16 seconds remaining in game
5 6, the Blackhawks' Bryan Bickell scored the game tying goal; 17
6 seconds later Dave Bolland scored the game winning goal,
7 clinching the Stanley Cup for the Blackhawks and ending one of
8 the most exciting finals series in the history of the NHL; and

9 WHEREAS, A Stanley Cup victory takes dedication from all
10 members of the active roster; and

11 WHEREAS, The men who make up the Chicago Blackhawks team
12 are to be commended for their unity and team strength, allowing
13 them to bring the Stanley Cup back to Chicago; and

14 WHEREAS, The Blackhawks forwards include Bryan Bickell,
15 Dave Bolland, Brandon Bollig, Daniel Carcillo, Michael Frolik,
16 Michal Handzus, Marian Hossa, Patrick Kane, Marcus Kruger,
17 Jamal Mayers, Brandon Saad, Patrick Sharp, Andrew Shaw, Ben
18 Smith, Viktor Stalberg, and Jonathan Toews; and

19 WHEREAS, The Blackhawks defenders include Sheldon
20 Brookbank, Niklas Hjalmarsson, Duncan Keith, Nick Leddy,
21 Johnny Oduya, Michal Rozsival, Brent Seabrook, and Ryan

1 Stanton; and

2 WHEREAS, The Blackhawks defenders include goalies Corey
3 Crawford, Ray Emery, and Henrik Karlsson; and

4 WHEREAS, The Blackhawks are coached by Joel Quenneville;
5 Coach Quenneville has registered a regular-season points
6 percentage of .634, the best in franchise history, while his
7 .577 postseason winning percentage is the highest for a
8 Blackhawks coach since 1940; Coach Quenneville, in 2013, was
9 assisted by Mike Kitchen, Jamie Kompon, Stephane Waite, Paul
10 Goodman, and Time Campbell; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we commend and applaud the 2013 Chicago Blackhawks for their
14 accomplishments during the 2013 season, for their talent and
15 teamwork displayed on the ice, for their excellence and
16 humility off the ice, for the outstanding coaching staff
17 leading the team, and for the brilliant ownership and
18 management that crafted and built the 2013 Blackhawks; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to each member of the Blackhawks executive board, to
22 each member of the coaching staff and management of the 2013

1 Blackhawks organization, and to every player on the 2013 roster
2 of the Chicago Blackhawks.